SENATE BILL NO. 191.

Executive Office, State of Texas.

Austin, April 2, 1909.

To the Secretary of State:

I herewith transmit for file in the office of the Secretary of State Senate bill No. 191 without my approval. This is an act intended to provide for the prospecting for minerals on lands owned by the State of Texas, or the public free school fund, and on such land as the State has heretofore or may hereafter sell with the reservation of the minerals therein; also to provide for the prospecting and sale of mineral-bearing lands, including the minerals and the sale of minerals in such lands as heretofore or may hereafter be sold with the reservation of the minerals therein; providing penalties for the violation of the act, etc.

This bill provides, among other things, for the sale of "all lands in lakes, bays or islands on the Gulf of Mexico within tide water limits, whether surveyed or unsurveyed." And believing that it should not be the policy of the State to place on sale to private parties such submerged lands in lakes, bays and the islands on the Gulf of Mexico within tide water limits, this bill is disapproved.

T. M. CAMPBELL, Governor of Texas.